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Title: HEPARANASE-2, A MEMBER OF THE HEPARANASE PROTEIN FAMILY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

7. (Amended) A recombinant host cell comprising the expression vector of an expression system comprising a polynucleotide capable of producing a polypeptide of claim 1 when said expression vector is present in a compatible host cell or a membrane thereof expressing the polypeptide of claim 1.